



IMPORTANT REMINDER: ALL VISITORS TO STILLWATER SCHOOL MUST SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AND SIGN OUT WHEN LEAVING.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ❖ ASLC DATES: 3/24, 3/26, 4/14, 4/16, 4/21, 4/23, 4/28
- ❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: 3/23 @ 7:00PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABSENTEE CALLS: All absences must be reported directly to our dedicated attendance line: **973-383-3227**. Kindly keep this number handy. **DO NOT** call the main school phone number or use the personal voice mail of our nurse, Maureen Beckman. The nurse's voice mail should be used for health concerns other than attendance.

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day is 8:25 AM until 3:00 PM for all children. **Whenever possible, ALL children should be strongly encouraged to take the bus in order to ensure that they are on time. WALKERS AND/OR CHILDREN WHO ARE DROPPED OFF BY THEIR PARENTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:15 AM.**

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school they can easily fall behind. The more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. **Families will be contacted via a mailing after a child accumulates four unexcused absences, again when a child accumulates five to nine unexcused absences, and finally when the child has ten or more unexcused absences. Letters are automatically generated by our data system.** After ten unexcused absences, if the district determines that the compulsory attendance law has been violated, a court referral may be made, as required by district policy and New Jersey State Law (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.6). Please ensure that if your child is absent that you follow up with written documentation to avoid an unexcused absence. Definitions of excused absences can be found on the district website under the *Parent Resources* tab.

BUS STOP REMINDER: Parents/Guardians – It is important that you are at your child's(ren's) bus stop on time. If you have not signed a waiver stating that your child may be let off without someone present, the bus will return your child to school if a designated person is not there to receive them. **A \$25 charge is incurred by the family if the bus has to return to the school with your child(ren).**

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT: All students who are leaving the school building must be signed out by a parent/guardian or **authorized** person. If your child will not be riding the bus home (ex: staying for an after-school activity, or being picked up), a green bus note **must** be sent in that morning to the homeroom teacher. For students attending KEEP or First Impressions, or being picked up on a **regularly SCHEDULED basis**, please write that in a note (preferably on a green bus note) including the details of child's specific schedule, **bus route number**, and a contact person for our records. **Any phone calls, or email requests regarding your child's end of the day dismissal must be made before 12:00pm unless it is an emergency situation.** For requests made after 12:00pm, a decision will be made by administration as to whether or not we will be able to honor that request. Any questions, please contact Mr. Matt Robinson or Mrs. Sue Sager.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2015, you may register him/her for preschool for the 2015/2016 school year. Please call Mrs. Eileen Theys at 973-383-3998 to have a registration packet mailed to you, or you may pick one up at the school office. To guarantee enrollment for your child, the completed registration packet must be returned to Stillwater Township School as soon as possible as there are a limited number of spaces available.



PRESCHOOL NEWS: Auditions are over, parts are given and Mrs. Pierson and Mrs. Pagano's preschool classes are busy getting ready for their upcoming production of the show, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children are enjoying making a favorite story come alive. It has been fun coming up with costumes and props. Learning new songs and their lines has been a challenge, but nothing too big for our actors and actresses. Broadway watch out, here we come!

- Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
A: Spring-time!
Q: What flowers grow on faces?
A: Tulips (Two-lips)!
Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?
A: A bee (B) comes after it!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The PARCC Assessment is administered in two parts – the Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) which is held in March and the End-of-Year Assessment (EOY) which is held in late April until mid-May. Below, please find the schedule for your child's grade level for the PBA portion:

Grade 3	March 2-3 Math; March 4-6 ELA
Grade 4	March 9-11 ELA
Grade 5	March 12-13 Math; March 16-18 ELA
Grade 6	March 19-20 Math; March 23-25 ELA
Grade 4	March 26-27 (rescheduled due to snow)

All sessions are held in the morning, so we ask for your help with the following:

- Please ensure that your child is well-rested each day.
- Start each day with a healthy and nutritious breakfast.
- Be sure that your child arrives at school by 8:25 am.
- Please encourage your child to do their best to help relieve any test anxiety he or she may have.
- Please keep electronic devices at home.

Our students have worked hard all year to prepare for PARCC. We have confidence that our students will perform well and do their very best on this test. Thank you for your help and support!

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS: Please begin gathering candid pictures from over the years of our children – perhaps from a class party, sports activity, playdates, etc. The pictures will be pasted to a collage. We are asking that you please send in a copy and retain your original. All pictures should be forwarded to the school, Attn: Melissa Piazza. Thank you.

THINKING CAP QUIZ BOWL 2015: Recently, students in 5th and 6th Grade Pinwheel Classes competed in the 2015 Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl – Northeast Region. This on-line academic challenge includes students working as a team to answer 100 questions on a variety of topics. General knowledge in literature, history, geography, English, mathematics, science, and sports and leisure formulate the bank of questions posed to students. Each team rotated team captains, who were responsible for calling out the group answer for the team clicker. Students had 60 seconds to answer each question, worth 10 points. Bonus points were awarded for correct answers given quickly, at varying rates from within the first 5 to 30 seconds. Practice rounds were held, and several students brought their lunch to the Pinwheel Classroom for extra online practice opportunities. Congratulations to both teams, the results are in! ~ Mrs. Makarevich
5th Grade Team – 900 points, 77% of questions correct, 18th place out of 26 competing schools
6th Grade Team – 1047 points, 88% of questions correct, 14th place out of 26 competing schools

FAMILY MATH NEWS: More fun-filled nights of Family Math have happened! Parents and children worked together doing a Hurkle game, a fraction activity, rainbow logic, and calculator paths. Congratulations to Mrs. Sliker and Mr. Stanwick who won the estimation jar of popcorn and pretzels. Our last class will be held Thursday, March 19th. 3rd grade Family Math graduation will occur!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: One Call notifications

We will be sending out One Call notifications throughout the school year, as needed, due to emergency closings, delays, and other school related issues.

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CHECK YOUR PHONE FOR MESSAGES RATHER THAN CALLING THE SCHOOL FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATION.


This will help to eliminate the volume of calls that come in to the school immediately after the message is sent.

Thank you for your cooperation!

FUNDRAISERS

MARKET DAY: March order forms have been distributed. NEW THIS MONTH: Orange Creamsicle Pie, Peach Supreme Pie, and Spiral Sliced Ham. March is also Pie Month!! There are nine delicious pies to choose from, plus the two mentioned above. If your order totals \$90.00 (pre-tax), please remember to input the promo code "MARBONUS" at checkout to receive a FREE 4-Pack of ChicNSteakes. FREQUENT BUYER: Make two purchases of \$40.00 (pre-tax) between February and April. Then, place a third order of \$40.00 (pre-tax) in May to receive a FREE set of Collapsible Storage Bowls at the May sale pick-up. IMPORTANT: Due to changes Market Day has made, there will be only two payment options available beginning with the March sale: Credit card or personal check. The credit card option is available to those who place their own orders online at the Market Day website. You must provide your credit card information when placing your order. Credit cards will not be accepted at the sale pick-up. Personal checks will be accepted when you pick up your order. Cash payments will no longer be accepted. Any questions, please contact Cheryl Castner at ccastner@embarqmail.com or 973-579-3182. Thank you for your continued support!!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Empty Your Closets & Help Support the Synergy Dance Company Troupe!

CLOTHING • SHOES • HANDBAGS
HOUSEHOLD LINENS
(Donations can be in ANY condition)

Sat. April 25th • 10am - 1pm
1 CAMRE DRIVE • HAMPTON, NJ

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPTICAL ACADEMY: Andover REA will be hosting a Vision Care night with Optical Academy on March 25th from 4pm - 8:00 in the Long Pond School cafeteria. The school is located at 707 Limecrest Road in Andover Township and the entire community and general public are invited to attend. It is preferable to arrange an eye exam appointment via their website www.Optical-Academy.com in advance.

SPRING YOUTH RUNNING PROGRAM: Hit the spring running with The Bears Youth Running Program. Open to grades four through eight, this fun-filled program instills the many physical and mental benefits of the sport of running in our area kids. Children are grouped by ability, and the program includes group runs, relays, races and guest speakers. Cost is \$20 per child for the season. We will meet on Fridays from 4 to 5 pm at the Lodestar Park pavilion in Fredon. Practice will start on Friday, March 20th and run until late May. If you would like a registration form or wish to hold a spot for your child, please call/text Coach Laurie Gordon at 973-271-6624. Space is limited.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter Egg Hunt at Kittatinny Regional High School! This year's Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the high school cafeteria. The pre-K and Kindergarten hunt will be at 10:30am and the 1st grade and up hunt will be at 11:30am. We will also have face painting, coloring, a prize giveaway, refreshments, and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny! If you have any questions, please call Dan Craig at 973-383-1800, ext. 6723. Hope to see you there!

KITTATINNY COUGAR ATHLETIC ASSOC.

BEEFSTEAK DINNER: April 18, 2015, \$40 per ticket, Fredon Rec Center. Event begins at 7:00pm. Catering will be by the Brownstone, music by Snake Oil Willie Band. Call 973.579.6424 for tickets - no tickets at door.

SPRING DANCE: Attention all 4th-6th graders from Fredon, Hampton, Sandyston, and Stillwater. There will be a Spring dance Friday, March 20th at Fredon School from 6pm-8pm, hosted by the Fredon 6th grade class. \$10.00 at the door. Contact Sharon Zupkay at 973 383 9684 or Lisa Toriello 973 579 6955 with any questions.

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ANNUAL BOOK SWAP: **We would like to extend a huge thank you to our special guest readers: Author, and Stillwater resident Christa Degan as well as Board of Ed member Trish Hendershot. Furthermore thank you so much to chair persons Donna Foster and Amanda Connelly... and of course, Nick, as always. But most importantly thank you to the families who participated!**

SPRING GERTRUDE HAWK SALE: The Gertrude Hawk Candy orders will arrive on **Wednesday, March 18th**. The event coordinator will be available to assist you that day from **3:15pm - 4:00pm**. After this time, please pick up your order after school has closed at your convenience. Orders will be in the downstairs hallway, please use the back door only. Signs will be posted. Please contact Jennifer Domaracki if you have any questions dahlhousedesign@mac.com. **Thank you to Jennifer Domaracki once again for coordinating this great fundraiser for us!**

THE BOOK IT PROGRAM: It is time to turn in your February Book It! logs. Please make sure you have a name and homeroom teacher on them so that you can receive your pizza coupon! When you redeem your coupon at Pizza Hut, ask for your Passport to Reading and sticker. Collect all six stickers and enter to win a \$30,000 prize from Book It!. If you need a log, extras are available in the office or send me your name and homeroom teacher at christinemenkins@aol.com.

TRICKY TRAY: Mark your calendars! The Tricky Tray will be held on **Friday, May 1st, 2015**. Lots of help is needed to make this a successful event. Any questions, please contact Christy Bello at christinebello1980@gmail.com or Karyn Carter at karyn1213@gmail.com.

Class Baskets - Monetary donations are STILL being accepted. The suggested donation is \$5 but feel free to give what you prefer. Please send donations in an envelope marked with your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher **ASAP**. Contact Karyn Carter- karyn1213@gmail.com with any questions.

TALENT SHOW: We are excited to announce that the Talent Show is **ON!** Mark your calendars- it will be held on **Friday, May 29th, 2015**. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered. We could still use a few more parents to help with building a temporary stage. For more info, please contact Justine Mahon at jmarymahon@gmail.com.

PTA CHAIRPEOPLE: With the many events the PTA provides, we have several parents helping behind the scenes. Part of the job of running a PTA event is putting out flyers to the school to promote the upcoming event. These flyers must be approved by the PTA and administration. Please send all flyers via email to Kristin Oldenburg- stillwaterptapresident@yahoo.com for PTA approval and questions. Also, if you would like something submitted in the weekly newsletter regarding your event, please email your submission to Jen Kraft at stillwaterptacoresec@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday for it to be published that same Friday.

STILLWATER COOKBOOKS: (\$3 each) and Stillwater School Car Magnets (\$2 each) are available for purchase! If you are interested in purchasing these items or if you have questions, please contact Amanda Connelly at aeconnelly@outlook.com.

CHECK OUT SOME GREAT WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR STILLWATER SCHOOL... 1. Have you heard about ShopARoo? It's an easy way to help support Stillwater School. All funds go directly to the 6th grade trip to Washington, DC! Download: ShopARoo today and choose Stillwater School, NJ as your fundraising cause today. Just snap a picture of your grocery like receipts and start earning points (which convert to cash) for Stillwater School. It's that easy! Really! 2. Keep cutting your Box Tops and Labels for Education! Be sure to include your child's homeroom teacher when submitting. ShopRite stores are also giving away up to \$1 Million to local schools during the 2014-15 school year! Register your Price Plus Club card at www.ShopRiteForMySchool.com today to start earning cash for your school. 3. Shop at AmazonSmile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to 18906 Stillwater PTA. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7214634> and support us every time you shop.

****Keep up with what's happening with the PTA and the Tricky Tray! LIKE each page on Facebook! Stillwater Twp. PTA & Stillwater PTA Tricky Tray****
Exciting News- We now have a website! Check us out at www.stillwatertwppta.my-pta.org. Thank you to Christine Bello for making this happen and coordinating the website for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Cultural Arts trip (4/9), Tricky Tray (5/1), Talent Show (5/29)

****PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME PTA MEETINGS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WILL BE CHANGED. PLEASE CHECK THIS NEWSLETTER OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE NEW DATES.**